

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed September 15, 2008 in response to Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claims 21, 23, 26, 17, 29-40, 42, 45-49, 51, 54, 57-68, 70, 73-77, 79, 82, 83, 85-96, 98 and 101-104 are pending in the application. Claims 21, 40, 49, 68, 77, 96, 105 and 124 are amended, and claims 1-20, 22, 24, 25, 28, 41, 43, 44, 50, 52, 53, 56, 69, 71, 72, 78, 80, 81, 84, 97, 99, 100, and 105-132 are canceled.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on January 03, 2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent No. 6,721,759 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 21, 23, 26, 17, 29-40, 42, 45-49, 51, 54, 57-68, 70, 73-77, 79, 82, 83, 85-96, 98 and 101-104 are allowable over the prior art of record. The reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter for these claims have been addressed in the previous Office Action.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy N. Pardo whose telephone number is 571-272-4082.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Vo can be reached on 571-272-3642. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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